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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We ask today that You bless the Members of this assembly to be the best and most faithful servants of the people they serve. Purify their intentions that they will say what they believe and act consistently with their words.

Help them, indeed help us all, to be honest with themselves so that they will be concerned not only with how their words and deeds are weighed by others, but also with how their words and deeds affect the lives of those in need, and those who look to them for support, help, strength, and leadership.

May all that is done this day in the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Washington (Mr. KILMER) come

forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 5 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

AMEND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Mr. COFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, this week I introduced legislation that will amend the Affordable Care Act, better known as ObamaCare, to prohibit a bailout for the insurance industry that is currently authorized under section 1341 and section 1342 of the Affordable Care Act.

The American people have had enough of bailouts for Big Business. It is time for this culture of corporate cronyism that has become a dominant part of Washington, D.C., to stop. My legislation, No Bailouts for the Insurance Industry Act of 2014, would amend the Affordable Care Act to repeal section 1341, the "reinsurance" fund, and section 1342, the "risk corridor" provision.

Together, both can provide for a massive taxpayer bailout to cover the in-

surance industry losses. The taxpayers should not be on the hook for the failures of ObamaCare. Any reasonable person can see that this scheme isn't going to work, and the American people should not be forced to bail it out once it fails.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of the No Bailouts for the Insurance Industry Act of 2014.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EXTENSION

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on the devastating loss of unemployment benefits for 1.3 million Americans already and 1.9 million more at risk of losing benefits if Congress fails to act soon.

I have heard from constituents across my region who will be impacted by this, including a veteran who has been unemployed for 8 months. Losing benefits will make it harder for him to complete the training program that he is enrolled in with the hopes of finding a new job.

While our economy has made progress since the depths of recession, we still have too many people around this country struggling to find work. Congress needs to get focused on job creation, but withdrawing support to unemployed people as they seek work is no way to boost this economy.

In fact, the Council of Economic Advisers estimates that failing to extend

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